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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, APRIL 1999(b)

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed -'000 -	Unemp- loyment rate -per cent -	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed -'000 -	Unemp- loyment rate -per cent -	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed -'000 -	Unemp- loyment rate -per cent -	Partici- pation rate
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,657.8	115.5	6.5	71.3	1,242.6	98.5	7.3	52.1	2,900.4	214.0	6.9	61.6
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,093.4	57.0	5.0	73.0	837.8	56.6	6.3	54.5	1,931.2	113.6	5.6	63.6
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	126.9	9.1	6.7	72.6	112.1	* 4.0	* 3.4	60.0	239.0	13.1	5.2	66.2
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	84.0	5.2	5.9	74.2	67.4	* 1.3	* 1.8	63.0	151.4	6.5	4.1	68.8
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	67.1	* 1.5	* 2.2	73.4	61.8	2.4	3.7	58.6	128.9	3.9	2.9	65.5
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	115.8	3.8	3.2	70.5	93.8	6.1	6.1	55.7	209.6	9.9	4.5	62.9
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	80.1	5.5	6.5	68.3	43.5	3.3	7.0	39.4	123.7	8.8	6.6	54.2
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	133.7	15.2	10.2	74.1	91.0	13.3	12.8	50.3	224.7	28.5	11.3	62.0
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	74.3	10.7	12.5	70.0	46.1	6.5	12.3	43.7	120.4	17.1	12.5	56.9
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	72.4	2.6	3.4	70.7	51.8	5.7	10.0	48.0	124.2	8.3	6.3	58.7
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	161.5	7.0	4.2	75.8	116.4	10.1	8.0	57.0	277.9	17.1	5.8	66.4
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	75.0	* 2.3	* 3.0	71.7	72.8	* 3.1	* 4.0	64.7	147.8	5.4	3.5	68.1
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	116.1	* 2.6	* 2.2	77.5	92.4	3.4	3.6	59.1	208.5	6.1	2.8	68.0
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	74.4	* 1.0	* 1.4	79.0	55.5	* 1.7	* 3.0	58.9	129.8	* 2.7	* 2.1	68.9
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	70.4	6.3	8.3	67.2	46.7	3.5	6.9	44.5	117.1	9.8	7.7	56.0
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	564.4	58.5	9.4	68.4	404.9	41.9	9.4	47.9	969.3	100.4	9.4	58.0
Hunter Statistical Region	129.3	14.1	9.8	67.2	99.1	10.4	9.5	47.8	228.4	24.4	9.7	57.2
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	108.5	11.8	9.8	67.3	82.5	8.1	8.9	48.2	191.0	19.9	9.4	57.5
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	135.7	14.1	9.4	66.5	90.0	9.9	9.9	45.5	225.7	23.9	9.6	56.2
Illawarra Statistical Region	88.3	10.2	10.4	65.9	58.0	5.4	8.5	43.0	146.4	15.7	9.7	54.5
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	65.8	6.1	8.5	68.0	43.6	3.7	7.9	45.7	109.4	9.8	8.2	57.0
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	107.1	17.6	14.1	64.7	79.1	12.5	13.6	45.6	186.2	30.2	13.9	54.9
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	124.0	9.4	7.1	74.3	88.5	5.5	5.8	52.5	212.5	14.9	6.5	63.4
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	68.3	* 3.2	* 4.5	71.5	48.1	* 3.8	* 7.3	49.3	116.4	7.0	5.7	60.1

TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, APRIL 1999(b)

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Employed	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-	Employed	Unemp-	Unemp-	Employed	Unemp-
		'000 -	loyed	rate	- per cent -	'000 -	loyed	rate	- per cent -
VICTORIA									
VICTORIA	1,229.7	111.3	8.3	73.2	936.8	73.8	7.3	52.8	2,166.6
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	911.2	80.4	8.1	74.3	705.7	54.0	7.1	54.2	1,616.9
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	138.8	17.3	11.1	73.8	107.0	11.8	9.9	56.4	245.9
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	64.1	10.1	13.7	74.7	54.1	5.2	8.8	54.0	118.2
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	70.6	5.3	7.0	75.8	62.2	3.2	4.8	62.8	132.7
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	111.3	12.0	9.7	74.9	82.2	5.2	5.9	50.9	193.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	157.1	11.4	6.8	72.3	128.6	8.9	6.5	52.7	285.7
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	100.6	6.7	6.3	70.8	77.8	3.9	4.8	51.4	178.4
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	114.9	5.1	4.3	78.8	74.6	6.9	8.4	53.0	189.5
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	93.1	7.6	7.5	76.5	70.8	5.4	7.1	58.5	163.8
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	60.7	4.9	7.5	72.0	48.5	3.5	6.8	51.9	109.1
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	318.6	30.9	8.8	70.2	231.1	19.8	7.9	48.9	549.7
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	87.7	9.4	9.7	72.6	59.7	6.3	9.5	45.9	147.4
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	57.0	5.5	8.7	76.0	34.3	* 3.2	* 8.6	49.8	91.3
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	56.0	6.4	10.2	68.0	42.6	* 4.4	* 9.4	45.6	98.7
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	73.6	4.7	6.0	70.0	61.0	* 1.9	* 3.0	57.1	134.6
All Gippsland Statistical Region	44.2	4.9	10.1	63.2	33.5	4.0	10.6	46.5	77.7
QUEENSLAND									
QUEENSLAND	925.4	80.8	8.0	74.1	720.6	61.2	7.8	56.5	1,646.0
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	420.2	41.1	8.9	74.7	342.6	30.0	8.1	57.7	762.8
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	105.7	7.8	6.9	72.4	93.0	6.3	6.4	60.9	198.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	131.3	12.1	8.4	73.6	108.6	7.9	6.8	57.5	239.8
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	87.0	10.0	10.3	80.2	70.7	7.6	9.7	59.7	157.7
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	96.2	11.1	10.4	73.9	70.3	8.2	10.4	52.7	166.6
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	505.2	39.7	7.3	73.6	378.0	31.2	7.6	55.5	883.2
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	104.1	9.4	8.3	72.7	75.9	6.0	7.3	51.3	180.0
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	80.1	7.7	8.8	73.1	60.8	5.8	8.7	53.8	140.8
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	49.4	6.4	11.6	62.1	36.8	* 3.4	* 8.6	46.3	86.1
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	66.7	* 2.4	* 3.5	77.1	50.4	* 1.8	* 3.5	58.5	117.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	88.5	7.6	7.9	79.2	61.8	4.6	7.0	58.6	150.3
Northern-North West Statistical Region	60.3	* 2.2	* 3.5	76.8	46.6	4.9	9.5	62.1	106.9
Far North Statistical Region	56.3	* 3.9	* 6.4	73.3	45.8	4.7	9.2	61.6	102.1
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	108.3	10.3	8.7	73.5	80.9	7.1	8.1	52.3	189.2

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	367.4	35.2	8.7	68.9	287.8	24.0	7.7	51.0	655.2	59.2	8.3	59.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	268.6	25.7	8.7	68.8	215.2	18.5	7.9	51.1	483.8	44.3	8.4	59.6
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	80.0	9.5	10.6	69.5	60.5	6.6	9.8	49.1	140.6	16.1	10.3	59.0
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	51.2	6.7	11.6	65.5	40.9	4.5	9.8	51.5	92.2	11.2	10.8	58.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.4	4.4	7.5	70.2	49.2	3.6	6.8	53.2	103.7	8.0	7.2	61.0
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.9	5.1	5.8	69.3	64.5	3.9	5.8	51.4	147.3	9.0	5.8	60.1
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	98.7	9.4	8.7	69.1	72.7	5.5	7.0	50.7	171.4	14.9	8.0	60.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	35.5	5.1	12.5	68.0	24.2	* 1.9	* 7.5	45.4	59.6	7.0	10.5	56.9
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	63.3	4.4	6.5	69.8	48.5	3.5	6.8	53.9	111.8	7.9	6.6	61.9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	513.6	37.8	6.9	75.8	382.4	32.4	7.8	56.9	896.0	70.2	7.3	66.3
Perth Major Statistical Region	363.0	29.7	7.6	73.8	285.9	24.0	7.7	56.3	648.9	53.7	7.6	64.9
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	34.9	3.5	9.1	70.9	24.4	2.6	9.6	57.2	59.3	6.1	9.3	64.5
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	58.0	5.3	8.4	75.1	39.6	3.2	7.5	51.6	97.6	8.5	8.0	63.4
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	119.1	8.3	6.5	76.5	95.5	7.3	7.1	59.9	214.6	15.6	6.8	68.1
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.0	5.5	7.0	73.6	61.6	5.1	7.7	56.6	135.6	10.7	7.3	64.7
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	77.1	7.0	8.4	70.6	64.7	5.7	8.2	54.0	141.8	12.8	8.3	61.9
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	150.6	8.1	5.1	81.3	96.5	8.4	8.0	58.8	247.1	16.5	6.3	70.5
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	76.1	4.5	5.5	78.3	53.4	4.3	7.5	56.7	129.5	8.8	6.3	67.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	74.5	3.6	4.6	84.6	43.1	4.1	8.6	61.6	117.6	7.7	6.1	74.2
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	110.0	13.6	11.0	68.5	87.5	7.2	7.6	49.9	197.5	20.8	9.5	59.0
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	53.2	6.6	11.1	68.9	43.3	3.4	7.2	50.5	96.5	10.0	9.4	59.4
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.8	5.7	11.4	68.2	38.0	2.4	6.0	50.3	82.8	8.2	9.0	58.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	31.5	3.9	11.0	69.1	23.9	2.3	8.7	50.2	55.5	6.2	10.0	59.5
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.3	3.1	10.9	67.0	20.2	1.5	7.1	48.4	45.5	4.6	9.2	57.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	55.5	1.9	3.3	79.2	39.9	2.3	5.3	64.1	95.4	4.1	4.1	72.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	127.9	10.1	7.3	72.5	108.1	8.0	6.9	60.0	235.9	18.1	7.1	66.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	80.5	6.2	7.2	75.7	76.1	3.6	4.5	65.4	156.6	9.8	5.9	70.4
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,939.9	402.2	7.5	72.6	3,773.7	302.9	7.4	53.7	8,713.6	705.2	7.5	63.0

(a) As part of the redesign of Labour Force Survey sample, a number of changes have been made to Labour Force Statistical Regions. These changes may result in a break in series for some regions. See Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0). (b) For definitions, and information about scope and standard errors of these estimates, see the latest issue of the monthly publication Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (c) Estimates for South Eastern SR are not published separately. Data for the South Eastern SR are included in the ACT & South Eastern SR and in the Illawarra & South Eastern SR.

TABLE 2. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Month	Long-term unemployment												Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104			Unemployed 104 weeks and over			Total								
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
ORIGINAL															
<i>1998—</i>															
February	73.8	47.2	121.0	93.3	47.2	140.5	167.0	94.5	261.5	34.8	26.4	31.2			
March	68.9	38.7	107.6	92.4	44.8	137.2	161.3	83.5	244.8	35.3	24.4	30.6			
April	64.7	41.5	106.2	84.8	43.5	128.3	149.5	85.0	234.5	36.0	26.8	32.0			
May	62.0	38.0	100.0	83.2	46.9	130.1	145.2	84.8	230.0	33.7	27.9	31.3			
June	60.3	35.9	96.2	82.8	44.3	127.1	143.1	80.3	223.3	33.2	26.5	30.4			
July	63.4	40.0	103.3	88.1	45.8	133.9	151.5	85.8	237.3	35.2	29.1	32.8			
August	68.1	37.4	105.5	90.6	47.6	138.1	158.7	84.9	243.6	36.5	29.3	33.6			
September	66.5	43.2	109.7	99.5	46.4	145.9	166.0	89.6	255.6	37.5	28.1	33.5			
October	64.3	35.4	99.7	83.4	47.1	130.5	147.7	82.5	230.2	37.4	28.6	33.7			
November	59.1	37.2	96.3	99.3	46.6	145.9	158.5	83.8	242.2	38.6	28.3	34.3			
December	55.3	40.7	96.0	85.7	43.9	129.6	141.0	84.6	225.6	34.2	29.0	32.0			
<i>1999—</i>															
January	62.6	41.4	104.0	91.9	42.0	133.9	154.5	83.4	237.9	34.5	27.1	31.5			
February	58.5	41.1	99.6	96.3	47.8	144.1	154.9	88.9	243.7	34.9	26.4	31.2			
March	55.5	36.9	92.4	85.1	43.8	128.9	140.5	80.7	221.2	34.7	24.4	30.0			
April	52.2	32.3	84.5	83.0	42.1	125.2	135.2	74.5	209.7	33.6	24.6	29.7			
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED															
<i>1998—</i>															
February	69.7	40.8	110.5	84.7	43.1	127.8	154.4	83.8	238.3	35.2	27.1	31.8			
March	67.0	37.7	104.7	85.9	43.8	129.7	152.9	81.5	234.4	34.7	25.7	30.9			
April	66.5	42.8	109.3	85.7	43.3	129.0	152.3	86.1	238.4	36.0	27.5	32.4			
May	63.1	39.8	103.0	86.4	47.7	134.1	149.6	87.5	237.1	34.1	28.1	31.6			
June	64.6	39.9	104.5	84.9	46.2	131.1	149.5	86.1	235.6	33.5	26.8	30.7			
July	64.0	41.5	105.6	94.8	48.0	142.9	158.9	89.6	248.4	35.4	28.3	32.5			
August	67.8	40.3	108.2	94.2	47.3	141.6	162.1	87.7	249.8	36.2	28.5	33.0			
September	64.3	41.3	105.6	93.7	45.5	139.2	158.0	86.8	244.7	36.2	27.3	32.5			
October	64.5	36.5	100.9	88.8	44.8	133.6	153.3	81.2	234.5	36.7	27.2	32.7			
November	59.6	36.8	96.4	100.4	45.4	145.8	160.0	82.2	242.1	37.4	26.1	32.6			
December	57.2	39.4	96.6	85.6	45.8	131.5	142.8	85.3	228.0	34.4	28.9	32.1			
<i>1999—</i>															
January	60.1	39.7	99.8	90.7	45.8	136.5	150.8	85.5	236.3	36.8	29.1	33.6			
February	55.3	35.5	90.8	87.4	43.7	131.0	142.7	79.2	221.9	35.1	27.3	31.9			
March	53.9	36.0	89.9	79.2	42.9	122.1	133.1	78.9	212.0	34.2	25.8	30.5			
April	53.7	33.3	86.9	84.1	41.8	125.8	137.8	75.0	212.8	33.7	25.2	30.1			
TREND SERIES															
<i>1998—</i>															
February	70.4	40.7	111.1	84.2	42.5	126.7	154.5	83.3	237.8	35.4	26.4	31.6			
March	67.8	40.4	108.2	84.3	43.6	127.9	152.1	84.0	236.1	35.0	26.7	31.5			
April	65.8	40.3	106.2	85.6	45.0	130.5	151.4	85.3	236.7	34.7	27.1	31.5			
May	64.9	40.5	105.4	87.2	46.0	133.3	152.1	86.5	238.7	34.6	27.5	31.6			
June	64.9	40.7	105.6	89.1	46.7	135.8	154.1	87.3	241.4	34.8	27.7	31.9			
July	65.1	40.5	105.6	91.0	46.9	137.9	156.1	87.4	243.6	35.2	27.8	32.1			
August	64.9	40.1	105.0	92.6	46.7	139.3	157.5	86.8	244.3	35.7	27.7	32.4			
September	64.2	39.5	103.7	93.7	46.3	140.0	157.9	85.8	243.7	36.2	27.6	32.6			
October r	63.0	39.0	102.0	93.7	45.9	139.6	156.7	84.9	241.6	36.5	27.7	32.8			
November r	61.2	38.5	99.7	92.5	45.5	138.0	153.7	84.0	237.8	36.4	27.7	32.8			
December r	59.2	38.0	97.2	90.5	45.1	135.7	149.8	83.1	232.9	36.1	27.7	32.6			
<i>1999—</i>															
January r	57.5	37.4	94.9	88.4	44.6	133.0	145.8	82.0	227.8	35.6	27.5	32.2			
February r	56.0	36.6	92.6	86.2	44.0	130.2	142.2	80.7	222.8	35.1	27.2	31.7			
March r	54.7	35.8	90.5	84.2	43.3	127.5	138.9	79.1	218.0	34.6	26.7	31.2			
April	53.6	35.1	88.8	82.6	42.7	125.2	136.2	77.8	214.0	34.1	26.2	30.7			

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, APRIL 1999
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State or Territory	Unemployed under 52 weeks	Long-term unemployed			Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment
		Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104	Unemployed 104 weeks and over	Total	
		MALES			
New South Wales	75.7	16.8	23.0	39.7	34.4
Victoria	71.4	13.9	26.0	39.9	35.9
Queensland	55.0	9.5	16.3	25.8	31.9
South Australia	21.7	5.4	8.1	13.5	38.4
Western Australia	30.2	3.2	4.4	7.6	20.2
Tasmania	7.5	1.8	4.3	6.1	44.7
Northern Territory	1.7	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 10.7
Australian Capital Territory	3.9	1.5	* 0.8	2.4	37.7
<i>Australia</i>	<i>267.0</i>	<i>52.2</i>	<i>83.0</i>	<i>135.2</i>	<i>33.6</i>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	72.7	10.5	15.3	25.9	26.2
Victoria	53.2	8.3	12.2	20.5	27.8
Queensland	48.0	7.0	6.3	13.2	21.6
South Australia	17.1	3.0	3.9	6.9	28.6
Western Australia	27.6	* 2.2	* 2.6	4.8	14.8
Tasmania	5.3	* 0.9	* 0.9	1.9	26.1
Northern Territory	1.8	* 0.1	* 0.4	* 0.5	* 20.3
Australian Capital Territory	2.8	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 0.8	* 23.2
<i>Australia</i>	<i>228.5</i>	<i>32.3</i>	<i>42.1</i>	<i>74.5</i>	<i>24.6</i>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	148.4	27.3	38.3	65.6	30.6
Victoria	124.6	22.2	38.3	60.5	32.7
Queensland	103.0	16.5	22.5	39.0	27.5
South Australia	38.8	8.4	12.0	20.4	34.4
Western Australia	57.7	5.4	7.0	12.4	17.7
Tasmania	12.8	2.8	5.2	7.9	38.3
Northern Territory	3.5	* 0.2	* 0.5	* 0.7	* 15.9
Australian Capital Territory	6.6	1.9	1.3	3.2	32.4
<i>Australia</i>	<i>495.5</i>	<i>84.5</i>	<i>125.2</i>	<i>209.7</i>	<i>29.7</i>

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This report contains selected final labour force estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0), due for release at the end of the month.

REGIONAL ESTIMATES

2 This report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Labour Force Statistical Regions. Historically, these series have shown a high degree of variability which is inherent in data from the Labour Force Survey relating to small labour markets. Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates, particularly in month to month movements.

3 The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, independent population benchmarks are not applied at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, while Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, they will show less stability than for similar estimates at the State level. In addition estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment), being considerably lower than State estimates, are subject to higher relative standard errors.

4 Regional boundaries are regularly changed to adhere to the boundaries defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). These changes are made every 5 years, with the most recent changes being effective from September 1997. Further details about changes to dissemination regions can be found in *Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics* (cat. no. 6262.0).

INDUSTRY

5 From August 1994, Labour Force Survey industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993* (cat. no. 1292.0). ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities in a structure consisting of 4 levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class). Labour Force Survey data are coded to the Group level.

STANDARD ERRORS

6 Standard errors of the estimates in this report for the States, Territories and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Michael Sleap on Canberra 02 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.

7 Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

SYMBOLS

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.
- r revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.

FURTHER INFORMATION

8 For further explanatory information about statistics in this report, please refer to the Explanatory Notes and Technical Notes from *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

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